

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: December 2, 2013

PLACE: Township Building, 370 Steinman Farm Road, Pequea, Pa. 17565

ATTENDANCE: Duane Sellers, Beth Birchall and Carl Drexel were present. Richard Drumm, Jr. and Ted Irwin were absent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then led with the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2013 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (3-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 1, 2013. With no questions, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded Duane Sellers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment was heard

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Notice of the 2014 Budget was advertised and posted at the township office. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to approve the 2014 budget. The motion passed (4-0).

Lancaster County Commissioner Craig Lehman made it a goal during his term, to visit all of the municipalities in Lancaster County. He commented on some of the items that have been happening at the county level in the past year. 1) New public safety radio system has moved forward and the hope is that it will be up and running by the end of 2014. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, 888 Hilldale Road and Dave Walters, RVFC President. 2) The Lanc. Co. Coroner's office has relocated to a new building, out by the Lanc. General Health Campus. 3) 2013 Farmland preservation, the county money was less for this past year, however they were able to leverage more state money for this program. Lancaster County is the first, in the nation, to preserve 100,000 acres. 4) The Lanc. Co. budget for 2014 will be considered by the Commissioners, at their next meeting, and as before it will be without a tax increase.

Township Pension Disclosure Statement: A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to approve the PSATS Disclosure statement and post it to the Township's website, per Chapter 7-A of ACT 44 of 2009. The motion passed (3-0). Comment was heard from Barb Stokes as to who the new township pension administrator will be. Carl Drexel told her it will be PSATS Trustees Insurance and Retirement Services.

Opening of the eastern portion of the Rail-Trail: A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to formally reopen the portion of Martic's Rail-Trail from Rt. 324 east to the Providence Township line. The motion passed (3-0). The western portion, with the Trestle Bridge, will remain closed until all work on the Trestle Bridge is completed. Carl Drexel commented that signage should be placed indicating where the parking lot is. The Road Department will see that more signs are placed. Comment was heard from Scott Smith & Linda Braught of 40 Raven Crest.

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Scott Smith gave the Road Department report for November:

- Road prep work continues on Bethesda Church Road
- Hilldale Road – tree stump and dead tree removal on township right-of-way
- Steinman Farm Road – cut & remove storm damaged trees from township right-of-way
- Continued pipe and gutter clean up on various roads throughout the township.
- Continued servicing township equipment
- Gate prices for rail-trail is anywhere from \$3,000 (like what Conestoga Twp has) to Holtwood Supply ranging from \$82-\$184 for gates.

Duane Sellers recommended tabling the gate discussion until the entire Board is present to receive their input.

Comment was heard from Barb Stokes regarding the recent work on Hilldale Road, by the CNA subdivision project. Carl Drexel explained that part of CNA's plan approval, was that they shave and rework the 'hump' on Hilldale Road, so they could obtain sight distance. The Township has received numerous complaints regarding the work, which was done. They should have blended in the new portion better. Duane Sellers stated that the Township has been working, for the past few years, to improve the Township's roadways and that this has set back our progress. The Township will be sending the developer a letter asking him to improve this portion of Hilldale Road to the standard that we have come to expect. This is the main north/south roadway, in Martic and this substandard work won't be accepted.

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 7 building permits, 3 zoning permits, 4 Building Use and Occupancy and 2 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in November 2013.

SEO Report shows: 1 perc and probe, 1 septic permit was issued in November 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

November 2013 invoices: Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$ 35.23 and FerrellGas for \$1,768.32, which brings the total to: \$ 21,415.74. The motion passed (3-0).

Improvement guarantees: Duane Sellers commented that since Martic is part of the Lanc County SALDO, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, the Letter of Credit requirement is currently attached to the developer, thus holding up their finances. He would like to see this requirement attached to the building permit and place the burden on the property owner/builder. Duane will contact the SLCIMC secretary to obtain information from other township's that currently operate this way and to see if they will provide copies of their procedures/ordinance for Martic to review.

Holtwood/PPL snow plowing agreement: A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to continue with the agreement for another 3 years and to increase the lease amount by \$20/per year and to also include the \$500 additional cost for the construction area, until we are notified that the service is no longer needed. The motion passed (3-0). Comment was heard from Barb Stokes that this project is almost finished.

631 Martic Heights Drive rental: Carl Drexel commented that he and Ted Irwin inspected the vacant property with Doug Metzler. Ted and Carl have both supplied a list of recommendation to the Board that they would like to see fixed/corrected before a new tenant moves in. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to ask Ted Irwin to look into what it would cost to have these repairs made. The motion passed (3-0).

CNA Letter of Credit reduction request: After review and recommendation by the Township Engineer Randy Shearer, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the partial reduction of the Letter of Credit for CNA Construction, LLC subdivision.

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Carl Drexel asked where we are with the Emergency Management agreement. Beth Birchall commented that it is back with the attorney.

Beth Birchall commented that she would like the Board to consider, for the 2015 budget, to no longer provide fully paid health benefits for the Townships employee's spouses.

Dave Walters commented on the fire company merger. He has heard back from both Rep. Cutler and Matt Crème. Per the recommendation of Rep. Cutler, because of the conflict of interest, he has now been in contact with Sen. Smucker's office. He will continue to try and make headway.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Martic Township